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INDIANAPOLIS ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

Interim Administrator Teri Kendrick focused on improving quality of life issues and building better relationships with animal welfare community

INDIANAPOLIS – Teri Kendrick, new Interim Administrator at Indianapolis Animal Care and Control (IACC) is barely into her second month at IACC but she is already making positive changes both response times, shelter operations and employee morale. Kendrick is also focusing much of her attention on mending relationships with local and national animal welfare organizations that work with IACC on animal transfers and rescues.

At a recent IACC's Advisory Board meeting at the City-County Building, Kendrick and her management staff reported on IACC's progress over the last couple of months.

Since August the average response time for any call for service in Marion County peaked at approximately 55 hours during the month of September. By the end of October, that number had decreased to its present rate of approximately 45 hours.

For priority one runs (the most dangerous), the number has decreased from almost 6 hours in the beginning of September to approximately 1 ½ hours by the end of October.

IACC is also focusing attention on animal rescue groups in Indianapolis and beyond. In October, over 230 animals were sent to animal rescue groups that work with their local communities to find permanent homes for the animals.

"It is critical that we continue to build on the improvements that have been made at Indianapolis Animal Care and Control," said Interim Administrator Teri Kendrick. "Since taking this job in October my primary focus has been to improve the quality of life for both the animals and residents of our community as well as continuing to build on relationships we have had with both the local and national animal welfare groups."

Changes have also been made to the Animal Care and Control Advisory Board, which counsels the Public Safety Director on issues that concern the IACC. At the November Advisory Board meeting, two new board members were introduced to the public. John Ball, mayoral appointee and current director of security for Conseco Fieldhouse and Will Gooden a local attorney appointed by the city-

county council were both introduced. Both were appointed in October and will serve on the board indefinitely.

"Teri's leadership at IACC has proven to be immeasurable thus far," said Interim Public Safety Director, Mark Renner. "She has refocused the shelter's attention on public safety, while improving conditions for both the employees and animals at the shelter."

For more information about Indianapolis Animal Care and Control please visit:

<http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPS/ACCD/Pages/home.aspx>

For information on volunteering or adopting an animal at Indianapolis Animal Care and Control please contact Adam Garrett at 327-1384 or visit:

<http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPS/ACCD/Pages/PetListScroller.aspx>

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